

1912 Dates J-BK

1603-1604

England, Ireland  
Plague 30,578 persons perished  
in London alone

1603

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Union of England and Scotland  
under James I. TUDOR  
dynasty in England ends.

1603

When James VI of Scotland became King of England as James I, he united the two Kingdoms under one monarch - but they remained independent in government.

1603 Scottish & English Crowns United

Elizabeth I, died on Mar 24, 1603, without an heir, having indicated her wish that James VI of Scotland, the son of Mary, Queen of Scots, should succeed her. Within 9 hrs of her death, the Scottish King was proclaimed James I of England, its first Stuart ruler. James was, perhaps, the most learned king even to sit on the English throne. He had published an attack on witchcraft in 1597 & a treatise on kingship in 1598. His month-long progress from the north to London was attended by joyful celebrations. He described his new kingdom as a "promised

land" where he sat 'amongst grave, learned and  
reverend men, not as before, elsewhere, & many with-  
out state, without honor, without order.' James began  
well by making peace with Spain. But he inherited  
a large debt from Elizabeth & to overcome it he needed  
to work in harmony with Parliament, & steady &  
proud institution. James however, openly avowed his  
attachment to the prevailing orthodoxy of the "divine  
right of kings"; nor did he disguise his distaste  
for extreme Puritans in religion. His 1<sup>st</sup> Parliament  
in 1604 brought him into conflict with the House  
of Commons over the Church, the revenue, and the  
privileges of the House. The ensuing 17<sup>th</sup>-C. feud  
between Stuart Kings and people of England  
was foreshadowed.

1603-1867

Japan Chronologists

In the TOKUGAWA period (1603-1867), gaps between central and provincial Calendars disappeared especially after the establishment of the Tōkyō calendar, the first native Cal. compiled in Japan, instead of the Chinese based one that was in use until this period.

Mar 24, 1603

Enfeebled by rheumatism and  
possibly pneumonia Queen Elizabeth  
died Mar. 24, 1603, She was  
69.

She had reigned for 43 yrs +

Mar 24, 1603

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Queen Elizabeth died Mar. 24, 1603  
A death mask was made



1603

Queen Elizabeth died; accession  
of James I (and VI)  
Union of English & Scottish Crowns.

Japan: IYEWASU shogun; founding  
of the TAKUGAWA Shogunate